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Don Young, an engineering graduate of the University of Western Australia, joined the Clough organisation in 1957 to work as a Site Engineer on the construction of Perth's Narrows Bridge. Following a period of two years working in the UK and Denmark he was involved, for the next 32 years, in the construction of many of Western Australia's major resource and infrastructure projects until he retired in December 1993. At the time of his retirement he was Chairman and Manager, WA Operations, Clough Engineering Limited.

Don was a member of the Board of the Water Authority of Western Australia from 1993 to 1995, a member of the Water Industry Restructure Implementation committee in 1995 and a non executive director of the Water Corporation of WA from its inception in 1996 until his retirement in 2002. Don was the inaugural Chair of the Construction Panel of Engineers Australia's WA Division in 1992 and held that position until 2001.

During his time on the Water Corporation board the Corporation transferred significant engineering heritage elements of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme to the National Trust of Australia (Western Australia), for conservation and interpretation. In 2002 the Corporation commissioned Dr Richard Hartley to research and write a history of the Goldfields Water Supply, *River of Steel*. Don agreed to continue to manage this task, pro bono, on behalf of the Corporation, after he left the board. As Chair of the editorial committee, he liaised with the National Trust to have the book published in 2007.

Don joined the National Trust in 2002 and since 2005 has worked as a volunteer guide at the Trust's Golden Pipeline Museum at Mundaring Weir. In 2010 and 2012 he led very popular public historical tours of Perth's bridges for Australian Engineering Week.

Don's interest in recognising and preserving engineering heritage culminated in him joining the Engineering Heritage Panel of the WA Division (now EHWA) in 2003, serving as its Secretary (2004-2007) and Chair (2008-2011). In the capacity of Chair he reinvigorated the Panel and led its programme of identifying and nominating sites for heritage recognition. After stepping down as its Chair he continued to manage the recognition programme.

